

SENATE GETS WAR POWERS BILL; 'AEF' BAN REJECTED

Committee
Defeats
Clause to
Bar Troops

Acts In Record Haste
After Refusing to
Hear Peace Groups

(Special to the Daily Worker)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The Senate Foreign Affairs Committee sent President Roosevelt's war powers bill to the floor of the upper-chamber for action today after rejecting an amendment which would have prevented sending an American expeditionary army or navy outside the western hemisphere to fight.

As the measure neared decisive action Administration whips were attempting to bludgeon opposition into line by declaring that the measure was likely to pass by a "two to one" majority.

The Foreign Affairs Committee approved the administration bill by a vote of 15 to 8 after including in it an amendment which was heralded as a "major concession"—a cause which would "limit" immediate aid to Britain in cash or contracts to \$1,300,000,000, after which the President is authorized to ask for more. This mock concession was an attempt to allay the opposition of those who charge that Congress is abrogating its Constitutional powers to the President under the bill.

RECORD HASTE

The Senate committee had approved the bill in almost record time for a piece of major legislation and after hearing virtually no labor spokesmen or representatives of any real peace or progressive organizations who sought to testify against it.

So impatient were administration supporters to jam the measure through before popular opposition attained larger proportions that Senator Josh Lee of Oklahoma fired the opening gun on the floor of the Senate today even before the bill had come up for action.

"If America could furnish the necessary bombers," he said, "it is probable that England could take the offensive immediately in bombing Germany. This would turn the tide of the war for England."

Senator Warren R. Austin, Vermont Republican supporter of the bill, was a little more explicit. He said he approved of all aid to Britain but thought there should be "some guarantee" that Britain will present "our views" at the "peace table" in exchange for arms leased or loaned under HR 1776.

KNOX CONFERS WITH FDR ON DESTROYER ISSUE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (UPI)—Secretary of Navy Frank Knox and President Roosevelt conferred today on the question whether American defense would permit transfer of additional destroyers to Great Britain.

Knox announced after the conference that he has not revised his opinion that the navy cannot afford to release additional ships.

But he did not preclude the possibility that his opinion might be overruled by Mr. Roosevelt as commander-in-chief of the nation's armed forces.

Wendell L. Willkie, Republican presidential candidate last year, advocated transfer of five to ten destroyers a month to Britain. In a subsequent press conference, Knox said the navy could not spare them. Willkie rejoined that he had been told by a high authority, generally assumed to be Mr. Roosevelt himself, that destroyers could be made available.

Knox talked over the situation with Mr. Roosevelt in a luncheon conversation that lasted an hour and 20 minutes.

Richard Wright to Speak at Meeting to Honor Mike Gold at Manhattan Center



Two Cases—
Harry Bridges,
W. J. Cameron

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Britain Sets Date for Draft of Boys, 19

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The Government today ordered youths of 19 to register on Feb. 22 for service with Britain's armed forces.

Await British OK on Sailing Of SS Lovcen, Refugee Ship

Plan Scores of Events to Spur Drive for Spain Refugee Ship

By S. W. Gerson

Receipt of a British sailing warrant was awaited yesterday by owners of the S.S. Lovcen, passenger vessel chartered by the American Rescue Ship Mission to transport Spanish Republican refugees from concentration camps in French Morocco to Mexico.

The Lovcen, a 3,500-ton ship, recently returned from a West Indian cruise. It is under Panamanian registry.

Application for the warrant, a document permitting the mercy ship to touch British-controlled ports, was made by the Central American Navigation Company of Panama shortly after signing a contract with the Mission.

The request is in the hands of the British Embassy here and in the course of routine was understood to have been cabled to London authorities.

Meanwhile, offices of the Miami, 200 Fifth Avenue, buzzed with activity in connection with its fund-raising campaign to gather the \$130,000 necessary for transporting 450 refugees on the Lovcen's initial mercy trip.

With \$25,000 deposit on the ship and Feb. 27 the scheduled sailing date, the Mission and its friends are planning a series of affairs throughout the country. Twenty-four meetings and parties are slated for the next two weeks in New York alone.

On February 28 there will be a public meeting and nautical party at which all friends of Republican Spain will gather to hear William Dodd Jr., Margo, Earl Robinson, Leadbeater, Herman Shumlin, Dr.

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Report Jugoslav Premier en Route To Germany

BELGRADE, Feb. 13 (UPI)—Jugoslav Premier Dragisa Cvetkovic and Foreign Minister Alexander Cincar-Markovich tonight were reported enroute to Salzburg at Germany's bidding as reports of an impending British-Bulgarian diplomatic break spread through the Balkans.

The Jugoslav leaders, it was reported, will meet with German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop at his Fuschl Castle near Salzburg for a "clarification of Jugoslavia's attitude toward the Axis." It was not disclosed whether they would see Adolf Hitler.

Germans Claim 13 British Ships Sunk

British Bombers Attack Italian Mediterranean, Eritrean Bases

BERLIN, Feb. 13 (UPI)—German surface raiders, in a slanting attack on a British convoy already battered by long-range Nazi bombers, sank 13 vessels loaded with war materials for Britain west of Portugal, the High Command announced today.

Several ships sunk were "large liners," the Germans said.

In London the British admitted that a convoy had been attacked in the Atlantic but did not disclose the outcome.

The Germans described the action as a "continuation of destructive blows carried out by German long-distance bombers on the British convoy system west of Portugal." This was a reference to a claim of the High Command that Nazi bombers on Monday sank six merchantmen in an attack west of Portugal.

The High Command also said the German Luftwaffe yesterday attacked military objectives in the estuaries of the Thames and Hummer Rivers, wharves and shore fortifications, and shipping off Scotland, England and the Shetland Islands.

BRITISH RAID ITALIAN BASES

Cairo, Feb. 13 (UPI)—British bombers raided Italian bases from the Dodecanese Islands in the Mediterranean to Aden on the Indian Ocean coast, more than 2,000 miles apart, Tuesday night and Wednesday, a communiqué of Royal Air Force headquarters said today.

Extensive bombing raids against the Martin, Calabria and Katharsis airfields in the Dodecanese Islands were described.

The communiqué said that all British aircraft returned safely from the Dodecanese operations.

The railway station, supply dumps, motor transport and Italian gun positions in the Keren sector of Eritrea, in East Africa, were bombed throughout Wednesday, the communiqué said, adding that direct hits were observed on military stores at Eritre, northeast of Keren.

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Jail 8 in Puerto Rico For Resisting Draft

SAN JUAN, P. R., Feb. 13—Eight Puerto Ricans were sentenced today to 13 months in Federal prison for failure to register under the Selective Service Act. They were identified as members of the Nationalist Party.

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Local—Cloudy and warmer; rain by afternoon, clearing and colder by Saturday morning and fair and moderately cold Sunday.

New Jersey—Cloudy and warmer followed by rain.

Eastern New York—Cloudy and warmer followed by rain.

JAPAN SEEN IN NEW WAR MOVES IN SOUTH ASIA, MOBILIZES FLEET

Cops Ride Roughshod Against Sandhogs' Picket Line



Wages Must Go Up, Declare C. I. O. Leaders

Statement Condemns All Pending Anti-Strike Legislation; Murray Flays Proposed Wire-Tapping Bill

By Adam Levin
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—In a statement issued by its executive officers, the CIO today announced that it is "absolutely and firmly opposed" to all anti-strike bills now pending in Congress.

At the same time the CIO leaders called for "increased wages and improved working conditions" for the nation's workers.

This declaration follows a two-day meeting attended by CIO President Philip Murray, Secretary James Carey and the six CIO vice-presidents. All eight officers joined in attacking the various proposed anti-labor laws and in calling for increased wages.

The CIO statement called attention to the "extraordinary profits" of big business during 1940, and to the likelihood that the arms program will bring "additional profits" in 1941.

"With these facts in mind," the CIO officials said, "it is essential that recognition be accorded to the needs of labor through increased wages and improved working conditions.

"This can be accomplished through the collective bargaining machinery which has been established by the CIO in mass production and basic industries," the statement said.

"In this manner, through Democratic machinery and voluntary action, we will be increasing the standard of living for millions of people which will assure the protection of Democracy against any attack."

"DESTROYS MORALE"

"On the other hand, any attempt to impose anti-strike legislation or other measures which would destroy the rights which labor now enjoys under the National Labor Relations Act and other social laws would be the surest means of destroying the morale of the people, and to that extent

Other speakers at the Mecca Temple opening session include the Rev. Owen A. Knox, Chairman, National Federation for Constitutional Liberties; Harcourt Tynes, President, New York Chapter, American Association for the Study of Negro Life and History; Assemblies Zimmer and Jack, and State Senator Charles Muzzicato.

Sponsored by more than 225 prominent trade unionists, settlement house workers, civic leaders, and ministers and educators, the conference promises to be one of the broadest meetings of its kind held in New York State to work out a people's legislative program Miss Manning announced.

Panel sessions of the conference will begin at 10 A. M. Saturday. The panel discussions will include: "Labor's Rights and Civil Liberties"; "Social Welfare for the People"; "Education and Opportunities for Youth." A general assembly of the delegates and observers, at the end of the panel discussions, will take action on the recommendations of the panel sessions.

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McCormick Works to Vote On Strike

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 13.—Seven national Harvester McCormick Works served notice on the government today of their intention to strike.

A strike vote will be taken Saturday morning at a special mass meeting of the McCormick workers.

Nearly 7,000 workers on the Tractor Works department of the company here have been on strike for several weeks under the direction of the Farm Equipment Workers Organizing Committee.

Meanwhile DeWitt Gilpin, educational director of the CIO Farm Equipment Workers Organizing Committee, left today for Richmond, Ind., where the strike zero hour in the Harvester plant there was fast approaching.

President Clarence Stoecker of the McCormick local today sent the following wire to John R. Steelman,

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Sandhogs to Meet With Mayor Today

Possibility of a settlement of the dispute on the Battery Brooklyn tunnel shaft, on which the sandhogs of Local 147, Compressed Air Workers, have been robbed of jurisdiction by Joseph V. Morisch, international president of the Hod Carriers and Building Laborers union, loomed today with a scheduled conference.

Representatives of the sandhogs at the Rock Drillers and Blasters Local 29, the Mayor's office and the contractor, A. D'Angelo, are to meet at noon.

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Since the picketing began on Monday, mounted police have been riding through the sandhog picket lines on cars carrying the scabs on the job sped from the enclosure in

the city.

In Australia the government suddenly adjourned a meeting of the Advisory War Council yesterday and called a meeting of the War Cabinet for today to consider developments "of the utmost gravity" in this part of the world. Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief of the newly-united British Far East Command, with headquarters in Singapore, was to attend the meeting. He recently flew from Singapore to Australia.

Manila reported that the Netherlands East Indies liner, Tjilatjap, 10,972 tons, which ordinarily plies between Tandjung Priok (Batavia) and Japan, via ports, returns to Manila Bay yesterday coincident with reports that Batavia had ordered all Dutch shipping in Far East waters to seek shelter in neutral harbors and had cancelled all sailings from N. E. I. ports temporarily.

CONFERENCE IN JAPAN

The Tjilatjap had left Manila for Hoang Kong Wednesday evening. The Dutch consul in Manila said he had ordered the big liner and other vessel of the Java-China-Japan line, the Tjilatjap, 10,836 tons, which was enroute from Japan

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All University Students in the U.S.S.R. In Class of '41 Have Jobs Waiting

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Feb. 13.—Students in Soviet universities do not leave school to confront a world of uncertainty—they step directly into jobs in the professions in which they are trained.

Work for each member of this year's crop of graduates has already been allotted by the various People's Commissariats, it was announced today.

In the distribution of jobs, the Commissariats take into account the personal wishes of each graduate, and acquaint him with the conditions he will encounter

in his future work.

Twenty-eight thousand graduate teachers, finishing school this year, have already been assigned to teaching positions throughout the Russian Socialist Federation of Soviet Republics. More than 5,000 of these have asked to be assigned for work in distant regions of the Soviet North and the Far East.

The Peoples Commissariat of Agriculture is sending 4,550 agronomists, veterinarians and other agricultural specialists to machine tractor stations and collective farms throughout the country.

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Jail for Unionizing Is Rule Of Nova Scotia Authorities

AFL Leader Merely Asked the Price of Herring in Routine Letter to Unionize Fishermen; Now He's a 'War Prisoner'

By Art Shields

L. D. Currie, Nova Scotia's Minister of Labor, writes threatening letters to union leaders, who organized the unorganized workers during the war. That is his first move. If the union leaders continue to organize the unorganized he sends the Canadian Mounties to take them to concentration camps.

This is happening in other provinces too. Many trade union leaders are imprisoned in these concentration camps throughout Canada.

The Daily Worker today is publishing a photocopy of one of Minister Currie's fascist letters and quoting from another one to warn American workers of the drive against labor that takes place during an imperialist war.

Currie's two letters were addressed to the two chief leaders of the Canadian Fishermen's and Fish Packers' Union, A. F. of L. organization, five days after they had written to the employers at Lockport, Nova Scotia, to ask for a joint conference to discuss the price of herring.

DISCUSSION IS "CRIME"

The demand for a discussion of the price of herring, however, turned out to be a concentration camp crime.

As a result of this demand Charles Murray, the organizational director of the union, is a prisoner at the Internment Camp at Petawawa, Ontario.

The fishermen's leader was taken there last Sept. 20, says the latest issue of the "Searchlight," official organ of the fishermen's union, which was brought to the Daily Worker office by yesterday.

There Murray is officially held as a prisoner of war. He did not take part in the imperialist war. He was merely organizing fishermen and fish plant workers. Nevertheless letters addressed to him must carry these words: "Charles Murray, Prisoner of War, No. 874, Internment Camp at Petawawa, Ont."

Murray is confined there with Pat Sullivan, president of the Canadian Seamen's Union, who was arrested last summer during negotiations with the shipowners of the Great Lakes. The union's demands were officially being considered by the government Conciliation Board when the Mounties seized him.

LABOR EDITOR HELD

Dick Chapman, national secretary of the seamen's union and Dave Sullivan, editor of the Searchlight, the union organ, are also confined there.

In his letter, dated June 15, Currie had told Murray to get out of town and quit organizing "or it will be most certainly the worse for you."

Currie said "you are a Communist... I am giving you this final word of warning. My advice to you is to get out of Lockport and stay out."

Murray refused to desert the 700 fishermen at Lockport, however, and was arrested three months later.

Ben McKenzie, who received Currie's other threatening letter the same day, was president of the fishermen's union. He had written the letter to the fishery companies, asking a meeting to discuss the price of herring.

Currie wrote McKenzie:

"It has been brought to my attention that you are once again endeavoring to mind everybody's business but your own. In other words you are trying to stir up industrial trouble among the workers of the fish plants at Lockport."

Currie then suggested that McKenzie quit organizing and catch fish "to help win the war."

He followed this with the threat that "We have stood off all we intend to stand from trouble-makers like you in this Province and I am warning you for your own interest, that we will tolerate it no longer."

THE FOR DR. LEY

He ended with a line that Sidney Hillman or perhaps Dr. Robert Ley might appreciate. He said:

"We all welcome proper labor unions and we are prepared to do everything we can to foster and develop them, but not the type of union you have in mind."

McKenzie's sharp reply was in the best militant labor traditions. Saying he intended to do his duty to the workers who elected him, McKenzie added:

"Your letter is practically a threat to the organization I represent, as well as myself, and from the time of it you are endeavoring to intimidate me, which under existing laws is an offense. The groups I represent are perfectly legal and are the recognized unions of the country, the Trades and Labor Congress and the A. F. of L."

Rephrasing the minister's advice to catch fish instead of organizing, the fishermen's leader said he was willing to go out in his fishing boat "if you will agree to take a two-wheeled cart and go around the streets of Halifax to peddle the fish I catch."

PEON STANDARDS

Then more seriously McKenzie warned Currie that he should enforce the labor laws of the province, which were being badly violated, instead of helping the "big shots" to try "to keep the fishermen



Mr. Charles Murray,
c/o Mr. Ben McKenzie,
Lockport,
N.S.

Halifax, Nova Scotia,
June 15, 1940.

Dear Sir:

I have good reason to believe that you are again endeavoring to stir up labor trouble at the fish plants at Lockport, and I must now tell you that my patience in this is exhausted. I am convinced from your article that your motives are entirely selfish and that your personal desire is to keep the job for yourself. If your desire was to organize the fish workers in a strong respectable labor organization, you would not have adopted the tactics which you did at the very beginning and now that the fishermen have organized themselves into Unions you would at least wait a reasonable time to see if the fishermen were getting a fair deal from their Union Officials and from the Fish Companies.

Apparently you have no such desire and your intention now is to again stir up trouble at the fish plants at Lockport. Let me tell you that you will not be permitted any longer to disturb industrial relations in the Province of Nova Scotia. Up to the present everyone has been muchly patient with you and your ilk. No matter how many denials and protestations to the contrary you may make, you are a Communist and as such you deserve to be treated in the same manner as I would be treated if I endeavored to carry on in Russia, as you are doing in Nova Scotia.

I warn you now to desist from your efforts to create industrial trouble and I warn you too that your conduct will show on how very carefully watched and examined and if I find that you do not quit this sort of business, then it will be most certainly the worse for you. I am giving you this final word of warning. My advice to you is to get out of Lockport and stay out, because you have never from the moment you started the place been of any service either to the Fish Companies or to the workers.

Yours very truly,
L. D. Currie
MINISTER OF LABOUR

Fascism in Canada: A vivid glimpse of what is happening inside Canada is given in this threatening letter written to Ben McKenzie, a leader of the Nova Scotia fishermen's union of the A. F. of L. This is no crack-pot's threat. The letter is from L. D. Currie, minister of labor of the province.

on the same standards as peons in Mexico used to be treated."

Currie has not yet attempted to have McKenzie arrested, and the fishermen and seamen are still carrying on the union struggle during the war.

Many demonstrations and local ship's strikes have taken place for the release of the imprisoned maritime leaders, and the Seamen's Union has called regional protest conferences in Vancouver, Toronto, Sydney and Halifax, with another one due soon in Montreal.

The Seamen's Union announces that 4,500 letters to workers and organizations are going out of its national headquarters to organize the release drive.

And meanwhile Bill Sullivan, the son of President Pat, a young Canadian soldier, is instituting habeas corpus proceedings to end his father's illegal confinement.

And the union struggle goes on.

The National Board of the Seamen's Union, with which the fishermen are affiliated, is not only supporting the defense campaign,

but appropriating \$10,000 to organize the unorganized workers.

That is the way it is.

With Lady Chamberlain's death, the notorious "Cliveden Set," long known for its fascistic tendencies, loses another shining light. The deaths of Neville Chamberlain and Lord Lothian had only recently reduced the number of its inner circle.

Others in the Cliveden Set are Sir Samuel Hoare, ambassador to Spain, and Lord Halifax, ambassador to the United States.

American readers are generally acquainted with the Cliveden Set at the time of the Munich "agreement" arranged by Neville Chamberlain, which led to the dismemberment of Czechoslovakia; then to the attack on Poland and the present war. Lady Chamberlain is credited with inspiring Neville Chamberlain's pre-Munich visits to Hitler. Her political influence is thought to have been considerable.

Lady Chamberlain was a close friend of Benito Mussolini, and often visited him before the war as his guest. Her friendship with Generalissimo Francisco Franco was equally warm and, after his victory over the Loyalists, she toured Spain in response to his personal invitation.

North Ireland Head Sees Attack on Britain

BELFAST, Feb. 13 (UPI)—Prime Minister J. M. Andrews today warned Northern Ireland of the "imminence" of a German attempt to invade the British Isles.

He said that Northern Ireland "could happily expect to be outside the orbit" if and when such an attack occurs.

PEON STANDARDS

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Soviet C. P. Conference To Be Held On Feb. 15

Workers Greet Parley By Boosting Industrial Production

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Feb. 13.—The eighteenth conference of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, which will discuss the work of Party organization in industry and transport, and organizational problems, will open here on Feb. 15.

Conferences are summoned at intervals between Party congresses, according to the rules of the CPSU. The present one will be attended by delegates elected at plenary sessions of Regional Committees, Territorial Committees and Central Committees of the Communist Parties of the Union Republics, and by representatives of the Parties of all National Republics areas and regions.

In view of the fact that the main question before the conference is the work of Party organizations in industry and transport, the Central Committee of the CPSU has invited additional delegates from each of 125 city Party committees in leading industrial centers, 30 Party organizations in railway transport, 12 Party organizations in seaports and 14 Party organizations in river ports.

Many delegates are already on their way to the Soviet capital. The delegates of the Communist Parties of the Latvian, Lithuanian and Estonian Soviet Republics, where congresses of these Parties were held legally recently for the first time, will participate in such a conference for the first time.

News of the convocation of the Eighteenth Conference was received enthusiastically throughout the country and served to spur the movement of Socialist competition.

The Bolshevik Party—from the rank and file member to the highest committee—is daily concerned with increasing the production of coal, oil, metal, armaments, consumer goods and products. All cities of the Soviet Union and entire branches of national economy report fulfillment of production plans and of all obligations undertaken.

The ferrous and non-ferrous metallurgy industries, the oil and coal mining industries have all exceeded their January plan.

Growth in production is also taking place in light industry. The textile workers in the Moscow region alone in January produced nearly 800 tons of yarn and 3,000,000 yards of cotton, woolen and silk fabrics over their quota. This is characteristic of the reception being accorded the Eighteenth Party Conference by the working people of the Soviet Union.

The conference will outline the path along which the Soviet Union will achieve still greater successes in building Communism and in strengthening its defensive strength.

Report Nazis Injured In Netherlands Riots

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 13 (UPI) (via Berlin).—Some civilians and uniformed Dutch Nazis have been wounded in small scale disturbances in Jewish quarters during the past few days. Both Dutch and German police intervened in the disturbances and restored order, it was said.

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PHILOSOPHER R. BASKETBALL STAR FLAY BILL

Professor Selman of Brooklyn College and Star Basketball Player Sammy Kaplan will be among the prominent speakers who will share the platform tonight at a large Brownsville peace rally at the Park Plaza, 1530 Pitkin Ave., at 8 o'clock.

The luncheon is sponsored by the Women's Division of the American Peace Mobilization.

Berlin Short of Smokes

BERLIN, Feb. 13 (UPI).—Many tobacco shops were without cigars or cigarettes today and proprietors could not explain the shortage except to say that "we just don't get deliveries."

DR. WARD TO SPEAK AT RALLY IN NEWARK

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 13.—Harry F. Ward of Union Theologi-



Death and HR 1776: This funeral procession with women dressed in deep mourning and death's head bearing a coffin warned Seattle residents that passage of Roosevelt's war-dictatorship bill HR 1776 means death to democracy in America. Weekly demonstrations are sponsored by Seattle branch of American Peace Mobilization (APM) and Women's Committee for Peace

Franco and Petain Meet On Spain's Role in War

Parley Follows Talk with Mussolini at Hitler's Request

MONTPELLIER, France, Feb. 13 (UPI).—Generalissimo Francisco Franco of Spain, having reached "complete agreement" with Benito Mussolini on Spain's attitude toward the war, conferred for 80 minutes today with Marshal Henri Philippe Petain in an 18th century mansion here.

After his talk with Petain, his military tutor at Saint Cyr Academy years ago, the Spanish dictator left under extraordinarily heavy guard for the Spanish frontier 100 miles away, enroute back to Madrid by way of Barcelona.

The shifting balance of power in the Mediterranean resulting from the British blitzkrieg sweep across Libya was understood to have stood out above all other topics in Franco's talk with Petain and his conference yesterday with Mussolini at Bordighera on the Italian Riviera.

REPORT FRANCO REFUSED TO ENTER WAR

VICHY, Feb. 13 (UPI).—Generalissimo Francisco Franco was reported tonight to have rejected a request by Benito Mussolini that Spain enter the war, either by attacking Gibraltar with Axis air and naval aid or by permitting German mechanized forces to move down through Spain.

Mussolini's proposal, made during his talk with Franco yesterday at Bordighera on the Italian Riviera, was said to have originated with Adolf Hitler who, however, hesitated to put the matter up to Franco directly because of the strong chance of its rejection.

The report lacked confirmation in Vichy tonight but appeared to have a basis of fact inasmuch as Franco, in his 80-minute conference with Petain at Montpellier today, was understood to have made it clear that Spain will continue a policy of "prudent neutrality."

Lend-Lease 'Deed' Gives All U. S. Back to Britain

(Special to the Daily Worker)

TULSA, Feb. 13 (UPI).—Peace-loving Oklahomans are still chuckling over the "mock deed" offering the lease of the "whole of North America" to the King and Queen of England for "absolutely nothing." The mock deed was sent to the County Clerk here by "ten young people of Tulsa" but was refused because it was not accompanied by a filing fee.

Written in a bold flowing style, the deed was made out between the President and Congress and the British Empire.

As a special consideration, it included a phrase declaring "the Declaration of Independence is made null and void." It asked that the deed be returned to King George and Queen Elizabeth, Buckingham Palace, London.

The County Clerk turned it over to the County Attorney and urged that federal officers be asked to investigate. He said he believed someone was "trying to be funny, but may find it isn't such a good joke."

Head of Indian National Congress Jailed as Wave Of Arrests by British Rulers Spreads in India

"The European war has brought to the fore the issues of civil liberties in India. The limited liberties we have suffered severely under the regime of war emergency laws. There is a phenomenal increase in the number of arrests and convictions for allegedly objectionable speeches in all the provinces... The Punjab and Bengal claim nearly 75 percent of the arrests. Only a minor percentage of the arrests have been for real anti-war speeches...

During the period under review 23 pressmen have been penalized and over a lakh of rupees (£7,500 to £10,000) have been demanded as security without an open trial in a court of law. New interpretations, calculated to further abridge the rights of the people, are being given to obscure sections of the Indian press Emergency Powers Act... Over 3,000 citizens have had their elementary rights restricted in one way or another by the State... More than 60 per cent of these restraint orders have been passed on Labor and Kisan (peasant) workers... On March 14 the Government of India announced in a press note its decision to keep under detention the Communist leaders of India under the Defense Rules... The order has huge possibilities of abuse in the Government leather and saddle-

factory struck in protest against the application of the Ordinance.

This statement refers only to the period of war up to July, 1940. Recently arrests have become far more widespread and an attack has been made on the editor's choice of headlines. The National Herald, a big national daily, has published a decision of its directors to the effect that the official prohibition on giving expression to the popular attitude towards the war makes it useless to continue printing leading articles or editorial comment on the news supplied by the Government.

The decision to prepare the way for industrial conscription, embodied in the Viceroy's Ordinance making provision for the compulsory mobilization of certain classes of skilled technicians, is meeting with strongly expressed opposition from the Indian Trade Union Congress which has recently declared that the workers of India have nothing to gain by support for a war which is not for freedom and democracy in India. The first strike against the imposition of industrial conscription took place in Calcutta, the scene of big working class militancy in the past, when 2,000 workers in a Government leather and saddle-

which official war committees have been set up throughout the country, is a cause of anxiety to the imperialists. The Governor of Madras has had to issue a warning against "many people in this country at the present time doing propaganda, sneering at war funds, poisoning the minds of the people..." The Calcutta Statesman laments that speeches by Congressmen informing the villages that war funds cannot be collected by intimidation, are not "actionable" but it admits that such speeches are having a considerable effect

ASK PAY RISE IN 6 STEEL STOPPAGES

**3 Walkouts
In Youngstown,
2 in Buffalo**

**Wave of Dep't Strikes
Continue in Fight for
Wages, Conditions**

(Special to the Daily Worker)
YOUNGSTOWN, Feb. 13.—A series of three strikes swept the steel plants here. In the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Metal Products Division 450 workers struck for wage increases and settlement of grievances.

Yesterday 2,000 workers in the Brier Hill plant of the same firm conducted a successful one day strike. In the Bessemer Department of the Republic Steel plant 600 workers had a six hour strike.

Not a day passes without the workers in some department of the steel plants in the Mahoning Valley taking strike action to increase wages or eliminate bad conditions.

The steel workers feel the increased cost of living acutely and see the corporations piling up great profits on their war orders. Despite the activities of John L. Mayo, Steel Workers Organizing Committee chief and follower of Hillman, the workers continue to struggle and press for 100 per cent organization of the industry.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 13 (UPI)— Demonstrations by union employees at the Bethlehem Steel Company's huge Lackawanna plant were reported today to have forced two mills to shut down and three others to operate at reduced rates.

Lorne H. Nelles, CIO Steel Workers' Organizing Committee international representative, explained the demonstrations as "spontaneous" and had been occurring for nearly a week as a result of "unsatisfactory" efforts at negotiating wage increases and other grievances with the management.

Nelles said three demonstrations occurred in the plant's coke oven department yesterday. Each lasted an hour as workers reiterated their grievances to company officials, he said.

Meanwhile, Nathan E. Cowan, SWOC sub-regional director, revealed that a threatened strike at the Republic Steel Corp. plant here "probably" had been averted. Cowan said the walkout originally had been set for last Sunday but that a federal conciliator persuaded the union to defer action pending further negotiations.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 13.—Eight hundred Powell Valve Co. workers "defense" work at low wages after "defense" work at low wages after a month of fruitless negotiation with their employer.

This is the first major strike in Cincinnati's metal fabricating industry in many years. It is 100 per cent effective, with the plant completely closed down.

Under the leadership of Edward Bootz, President of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, Local 1558, and of T. Louis Majors, Sub-Regional SWOC Director, the Powell workers are demanding a 15-cent-hour increase, improved seniority rights, a signed agreement to replace the existing statement of policy, and a union shop.

The first day of the strike has resulted in practically 100 per cent organization of all workers in the plant.

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Bethlehem Steel Workers in Johnstown Are Organizing Fast; Say They Won't Stop Till a Signed Pact Gives Them a Wage Boost

By David Lurie
(Special to the Daily Worker)

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Feb. 13.—The union is stronger than before the 1937 strike.

"Departments are organizing themselves."

"Everyone they unload a ton of coal they call it National Defense."

"The men are determined to get a wage increase but they want it with a signed contract. They want the closed shop."

From steel worker to SWOC organizer, these are the things being said today in Johnstown, Pa.

site of the Cambria plant of the Bethlehem Steel Corp. and scene of the 1937 strike.

James Gent, organizer in charge of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee drive here, would not make public any figures on union membership.

"We are not letting the figures out. We don't want the company to know exactly how strong we are. But the actual figures are even better than we had expected they would be by this time," he said.

He pointed to a list of department meetings scheduled for the week. The hall was taken for

every evening. "Sometimes we have twenty-five and thirty department meetings a week. And this morning, one department, where up to now we hadn't made any headway, walked in and organized themselves."

The militancy of the workers, their protest against the speed-up, their willingness to struggle for higher wages has resulted in several departmental strikes.

Wage increases have been won in some of these strikes. In one instance however, Gent declared his opinion that the strike was provoked by the company. "They are taking advantage sometimes of the men's militancy."

The union is harnessing this militancy and will seek to utilize it for the winning of substantial increases and a signed contract throughout the plant of 15,000 workers.

Of course," Gent pointed out, "the drive is a national drive. It would be a mistake for the SWOC to try to get agreements in some of the thirty-three Bethlehem plants from Maryland to California and not in others. But I think we are doing our part here in organizing the Bethlehem workers everywhere."

There is talk in every department of the need for wage increases and a signed contract.

One worker who had participated in the 1937 strike said also that one marked difference between the union then and now was that the union is more solidly established now." He explained that in 1937 many of the American born workers had stayed out of the union while the Mexicans and those of foreign extraction had made up most of the union's membership.

Workers in this town consider that Bethlehem Steel has a good thing in this national defense business. "They are aware of the tremendous profit being made by the corporation and are determined to get a wage increase

Rapp-Coudert Probe Forced to Scrap 2 Subpoenas

The Rapp-Coudert Committee, conducting a which hunt in New York schools, was yesterday forced to scrap two of the subpoenas it issued for the membership lists and records of College Teachers Union, Local 527, but is preparing to renew them today.

The action came in the court of Supreme Court Justice Maurice Eder after Captain Witt, attorney for Local 527 pointed out that its effort to serve the subpoenas on a person who is on the public school payroll, the legislative committee picked upon Dr. Bernard F. Reiss, assistant professor of psychology at Hunter College, who is secretary of the union.

At this office to accept a subpoena if so desired.

This threw the Rapp-Coudert committee into a tiff over what it hoped to have the judge do when placing a witness on the stand, of first obtaining a waiver of immunity rights as persons on the public payroll are required to give.



Public Hearing on Firing Of Pittsburgh Laundress

Woman Worker Appeals Decision Made By Father Rice Upholding Firm's Action—
Other Workers to Testify

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 13.—Announcement of a public hearing on the facts behind the decision of Father Owen Rice upholding her discharge from the laundry shop where she worked, was made here today by Alice Burkhardt.

Father Rice acted as arbitrator in the case which arose after Miss Burkhardt had been removed as shop steward and fired from the place she worked for more than three years. Previously, Miss Burkhardt had branded Father Rice's decision as "a blow to labor."

Her statement today declared that she has filed an appeal with the Labor Board and that a public hearing will be held on Monday, Feb. 17 at the Carnegie North Side Hall in this city.

At the hearing workers who have been affected by earlier arbitrations conducted by Father Rice and workers from Miss Burkhardt's shop will testify against the priest who is a leader of the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists and has pretensions to be known as a "friend of labor."

CHALLENGE TO UNIONS
Miss Burkhardt's statement declared that "I consider that an injustice has been done me which is a challenge to all union men and women. Father Rice's decision and all the feels leading up to it must become public property so that other workers may be guided by this unfortunate action."

Father Rice's decision upheld the action of the management of the Independent Towel Supply in firing Miss Burkhardt on the grounds that she had called a shop meeting on company premises. He further declared that tables of statistics presented by the company claiming that Miss Burkhardt as a member of the shop committee had caused slow-downs in the work were "not conclusive, sustaining evidence." Miss Burkhardt countered by pointing out that shop committee meetings were invariably held on company premises and that the same statistics had been rejected by the union when presented several months ago in the case of other workers. Miss Burkhardt was a member of the shop committee for three years prior to her discharge.

Fur Plant Shut Down When Unionist Is Fired

British-Owned Film Faced Stoppage Last Week When It Refused to Hire Two Negroes Sent By Union

Refusal by the management of the British-owned Lamson, Frazier and Huth Co., 151 W. 30th St., one of the largest dealers in raw furs, to take up a series of grievances with the shop chairman resulted in a stoppage by its 125 warehouse and office employees yesterday.

headed by Al Gleen of the United Automobile Workers and Grant Oakes of the FEWOC, the Committee proposed the following program:

1. All locals to be urged to send financial contributions.

2. Ask members of locals to wire or write Harvester management to recognize demands of tractor workers and come to quick agreement.

3. Appoint committees to make collections from workers at shop gates for strike support.

4. Hold mass meetings in conjunction with Midwest Federation for Civil Liberties to reaffirm strikers' legal rights under the law.

5. Organize a huge CIO picket line at the Tractor Works under the auspices of the Provisional Committee.

headed by Israel Amter.

It is precisely because excellent possibilities exist for the Communist Party rapidly becoming a mass party in New York State that the State Legislature is considering such legislation as the Dunnigan bills," the Commission declared.

Not only has the Party registered a sharp up-turn in recruiting during the past nine weeks, but it has tripled Daily Worker bundle orders during the number of Sunday Workers ordered by the sections, it was revealed.

These achievements were registered in the course of a special press and publicity building drive, scheduled to end on Saturday, at which time the prize-winning section will be announced.

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Of Ships: Majestic old windjammer, the Swedish bark Abraham Rydberg, built in 1892, is shown sailing into Boston harbor after a 60-day voyage from Brazil. War shortages at bottoms with the accent on warships brought her into service again as a carrier. Other photo shows newest destroyer added to the U.S. Navy, the USS Woolsey, as she slid down ways at Bath, Maine.

Novick, Red-Baiting WNYC Chief, Gets Dose of His Own Medicine

Smith Committee Charges Station Is 'Red' Because of 1939 Programs Which Had Mild Labor Slant

By Harry Raymond

The Al Smith, Jr., Councilmanic Committee yesterday charged the Municipal Broadcasting Station, headed by Old Guard Laborite Morris N. Novick, was a "Communist propaganda" agency because occasional 1939 programs were favorable to labor.

Observers saw a certain irony in the charge. However, recalling that Mr. Novick, a leader of the Social Democratic Federation, was the chief finger man at the American Labor State convention in Utica last September, pointing out to police as "Communists" progressives who opposed the Roosevelt war program.

Lawyer, Emil K. Ellis, counsel for the Smith Committee, announced he would launch a special investigation of the State, County and Municipal Workers (CIO), union of civil service workers.

MERIT SYSTEM FOE

The anti-unit probe was based on assertions by Ellis that the SCMWA ran special classes for civil service career workers.

Behind the assault on the union, civil service employees said they saw the "sinister hand" of Frank Prial, publisher of the "Chief" and so-called boss of New York's "secret" government.

Prial, head of the reactionary Civil Service Forum, is battling the merit system in municipal civil service and is the moving spirit in the campaign to abolish unionism among government employees.

Mr. Ellis, Prial's chief investigator, opened the anti-red campaign yesterday at the committee's hearing at City Hall.

But instead of producing the promised "red conspiracy," he trained his guns against the anti-democratic, pro-war, red-baiting heads of the Municipal Broadcasting Station (WNYC).

Alexander Leftwich, Jr., former provisional dramatic assistant at the station, was the chief witness

before the committee during the day.

He said he had written, as a volunteer worker, a weekly script for the station entitled "Give Me Liberty."

"The plays," he said, "depicted factory workers and unfair employers."

"Would you say that the scripts were red?" asked Councilman Joseph Sharkey.

"I'd say they were pinkish," replied the witness.

Ellis brought out that the scripts, like the play "Pins and Needles," popular at the time, "play one side against the other."

Leftwich testified that after he was appointed as provisional dramatic assistant he dropped doing the "Give Me Liberty" script.

Novick, said, ordered him fired because he had "no understanding of social significance."

But Novick, questioned by the Daily Worker, said he really meant Leftwich did not know how to put on a civic play.

It was brought out in the testimony that Mitchell Grayson, who came out second in a civil service test for the position, later got the job.

Leftwich was declared not eligible for the examination because of his lack of knowledge of the modern theatre.

At the outset of yesterday's committee session, Counsel Ellis declared he would make a special investigation of the State, County and Municipal Workers of America.

Frank Prial, leading foe of the civil service merit system and Ellis' mentor, long ago declared war against unionism among government employees.

Prial, boss of the Civil Service Forum, long has been associated with Louis Waldman, Social Democratic lawyer, in a move to control Sanitation Department employees.

Waldman is attorney for organizations in the Sanitation Department affiliated with the Forum.

Await British OK on Sailing Of SS Lovcen

Plan Scores of Events to Spur Drive for Spain Refugee Ship

(Continued from Page 1)

Annette Rubenstein, Dr. Edward K. Barakay and a host of other noted personalities entertain and speak for the Rescue Ship Mission.

Other affairs scheduled during February range from the Junior Life Savers Party for children at the Little Red Schoolhouse Feb. 22 to the Culinary Ball to be held by workers from all the culinary trades at the Metropolitan Sports Club, February 24. The culinary workers, many of them from the city's top-notch night clubs, will be turning the tables, with dozens of night club stars entertaining them.

On February 23 there will be a reception for the benefit of the Rescue Ship Mission at the opening of William Gropper's 1941 art exhibition at the ACA Galleries. Dashiell Hammett, noted mystery story writer, will speak.

On February 27 will be a meeting at the Hotel Pennsylvania.

ADVISED TO LEAVE

TOKYO, Feb. 13 (UP)—United States consular officials in Japan planned today to renew their advice to Americans in Japan and Japanese territory to return to the United States as soon as possible unless essential business prevented.

The action follows renewal of similar advices by United States consular authorities at Shanghai.

Previous advices have requested Americans in Japan, Korea, Manchuria and Japanese-occupied territory in China to return by the first available transport.

Dies in Air Force

LONDON, Feb. 13 (UP)—Edwin Ezell Orbison, Sacramento, Calif., a member of the American Eagle Squadron, has been killed while flying with his air unit, it was reported in reliable quarters tonight.

Firings Bring Strike on Jewish Day

Guild Calls Walkout and Demonstration for 11 A.M. Today

Forty-one employees of The Day, New York Jewish-language daily, organized in the Newspaper Guild of New York, go on strike today in protest against summary discharges and pay cuts directed by the management against thirteen Guild members, it was announced by Nat Einhorn, executive secretary of the New York Guild.

A contract between The Day and the New York Guild provides members shall suffer neither discharge nor pay decreases.

A mass meeting of Guild members and sympathizers will be held outside The Day building, 183 East Broadway, at 11 o'clock this morning.

Picketing will begin immediately and will be conducted continuously during working hours. In addition, the Guild will make efforts to obtain the cooperation of newsstand dealers in discontinuing sale of The Day for the duration of the strike. Dealers refusing to cooperate will be picketed.

SET UP HEADQUARTERS

The Day strikers have established strike headquarters at 185 East Broadway.

The Guild's demands are: (1) reinstatement to former status of those discharged; (2) restoration of all pay cuts; (3) settlement of all outstanding grievances; (4) a statement by The Day management disavowing its recent violent attacks on the Guild.

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The Lenin-Lincoln-Douglas memorial meeting February 17 at the Market Street Arms, 45th and Market Sts., will demonstrate support of the Bill of Rights in Philadelphia.

William E. Foster will be the main speaker. Local speakers include Maude White, Negro woman leader; Frank Coste, Italian-American youth leader; Phil Franklin, acting state secretary of the Communist Party. Carl Roosa will be chairman. Already 4,000 tickets have been sold for in advance and before the gates are opened it is expected that 10,000 will be sold.

The Communist Party of South Philadelphia has issued a leaflet expressing the deepest indignation of the people against the terrible gas and water main explosion that took five lives, wounded 30 people and destroyed several homes.

The meeting February 17 will protest against fire trap housing conditions.

Carteret Strike Is 100% Solid On Second Day

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CARTERET, N. J., Feb. 13.—The strike of 800 employees of the Foster-Wheeler Corp., manufacturers of boilers and condensers, was 100 per cent solid today as it continued in its second day.

At 6:30 A. M. hundreds of workers patrolled the plant. The gates were held wide open, but not a single worker entered.

The deadlock in negotiations continued, with representatives of the National Defense Commission involved in efforts to bring a settlement. The walkout developed from a one-day stoppage after months of fruitless negotiations.

The men demand an increase of 16 cents an hour, five and 20 cent differentials on the night shifts and seven holidays with pay.

Strikers will hold a mass meeting at Slovak Hall 3 P. M. tomorrow to hear Neil Brand, regional director of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, report on the status of negotiations.

More Arrests In Canada for 'Literature'

MONTREAL, Feb. 13 (UP)—Royal Canadian Mounted Police today held several persons after a series of raids on places believed to have been used as literature distribution centers.

Literature, including pamphlets entitled "1917-1940," was seized by the R.C.M.P. and local police during the raids last night. Books, emblems, circulars and documents also were seized.

Fred Rose, secretary of the Quebec branch of the Communist Party of Canada, said to be the author of the pamphlets, was being sought.

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3 Pennsylvania Bills Aim at CP and Labor

Senate and House Get Ballot Ban and Bill to Curb Teachers

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 13.—Three bills were directed against the Bill of Rights, Constitutional rights of the Communist Party and labor in a series of bills introduced in the state legislature at Harrisburg.

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Bill Asks Probe Of Contracts to NLRB Violators

CIO Will Give Full Support to Resolution by Senator Murray; Would Set Up Committee of Three Senators

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Senator James E. Murray of Montana today introduced a resolution for an investigation of the continued award of government arms contracts to Wagner Act violators.

The Murray resolution, which is expected to receive the full backing of the CIO, provides for a special investigating committee of three Senators and an appropriation of \$25,000.

Murray explained in a statement that his resolution calls "for a study of the extent to which corporations enjoying U.S. Government contracts are violating or have violated" the Wagner Act, the Wage-Hour Act and the Walsh-Healey Act and of "the effect of this practice upon the National Defense program."

"There is considerable clamor to day about these laws and their effect on defense," Murray said. "Most of it simply serves to obscure the issues, which concern the rights of workers and the problem of furthering the defense program in full accord with the principles laid down by Congress in passing these acts."

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AMERICA--PROMISED LAND OF SOCIALISM

A Socialist America Will End Evils of Monopoly

By Louis F. Budenz

Socialism Ends Monopoly

Public Enemy No. One of the American people in this year 1941 can be named in a word of eight letters: Monopoly.

The concentration of the nation's economy and resources in the hands of the Morgan-Rockefeller-Mellon Robber Barons—as the folk-language has so aptly termed them—is responsible for the vanishing job of the American workmen. It is the basic cause for the low-waged plight of the One Hundred Millions. It is the dynamo of destruction which drives for imperialist war, now as it did 25 years ago.

It is not just by chance that Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming, chairman of the so-called "monopoly investigating committee" of the United States Senate, asked on Jan. 16, in discussing the coming report of his committee:

"Why, with all the unlimited resources nature affords, money, machines and men have been idle with consequent hardships and suffering for millions?" (Reported in special dispatch to New York Times, Jan. 16, 1941.)

There is but one answer to the Senator's query. That is MONOPOLY, the very subject his committee has been "investigating." That the Senator did not breathe the guilty word out loud is due, undoubtedly, to his knowledge of the control which the real Rulers of America possess over the government of which O'Mahoney is a part.

To get rid of unemployment—which thus publicly disturbs the Senators and which is again gnawing like a rat at the workers' welfare—the American people of 1941 have to get rid of Private Monopoly, which nurtures the rodent.

THE SOCIALIST STATE

No more can the capitalist state be an instrument to achieve this end than the earth can compel the sun to move around our orb. The capitalist state exists for the purpose of protecting this "un-

legal graft," as was O. Henry's rough and ready designation of monopoly capitalism.

The bureaucracy and armed forces of that state are permanently merged through Carlyle's "cash nexus" with Wall Street monopoly. Nothing illustrated this phenomenon more ironically than the career of the raucous "trust-buster," Theodore Roosevelt. Good and faithful servant ever of the United States Steel Corporation he was, organically linked up with the Morgan trust through George Perkins, and demonstrating his fealty by the O.K. of the huge gobbling up of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Co. by U. S. Steel.

Even while the other Roosevelt had ordered President Woodrow Wilson to get into the first imperialist war—through the letter of Ambassador Walter Hines Page, stressing that Morgan investments required war, in 1914—Jan. 15—the financial chief of the Rockefeller billions, Mr. Winthrop Aldrich, advised the stockholders of the Chase National Bank that this largest of commercial banking institutions is 100 per cent behind the grant of dictatorial war powers to the White House.

Mr. Aldrich's announcement of complete support for the war powers "lease-lend" bill made unanimous the Wall Street financial chorus for deeper involvement in the war.

The phenomenon was so marked that the Scripps-Howard press, in a syndicated editorial, was moved to comment:

"We don't pretend to know why but it is a fact of general public interest, and should be recorded, that high officials of the House of Morgan and the Chase National Bank are among the first to climb on the bandwagon for the lend-lease bill."

Monopoly in 1941 is the chief breeding ground for imperialist war, just as it was in 1917. To end such war permanently, the people are obliged to end Monopoly itself.

A. T. & T. LEADS OFF

As to the Scripps-Howard studied naively in its "we don't pretend to know why," the reply comes out of current life itself. The Royal Highnesses of America—the Sixty Ruling Families

At the present it is particularly vital to grasp this fact, when the monopoly capitalists are employing the capitalist state in America to extend the imperialist war.

The articles are intended as the opening of a discussion, in which we invite the readers of the Daily Worker to participate.

These articles shall appear every Sunday, Tuesday and Friday for a limited period. After that time, the author shall return to the subject from time to time.

centered around the Morgan-Rockefeller-Mellon-duPont dynasties—possess mighty empires, which they mean to maintain and extend with the blood of American youth.

Even as the "don't know why" phrase was uttered, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, huge chief of the Morgan empire and largest non-financial corporation in the world, led off the procession of profiteering out of the war economy.

In mid-January the A. T. & T. announced, through Walter S. Gifford, its president, that its consolidated NET income for the twelve months ending Nov. 30, 1940 totaled \$204,253,916.

The measure of the mammoth degree of this "haul" can be judged from the fact that it compared more favorably with the \$168,905,562 net income of the year before. This was in itself a "good year" for the Communications Trust.

Out of the war in 1941, the A. T. and T. is well on the road to another coup against the people, such as it pulled off in the war of 1917-18. While the doughboys were dying in Flanders Field for "democracy," this Morgan trust seized practically all the independent telephone companies of the country: the Wilson government obligingly giving them the money to do so with a war-time boost in telephone rates.

Pushing into larger fields, the Morgan banking house then formed the International Telephone and Telegraph Co., which took control of telephone systems in many European countries.

The monopoly ownership of the telephone system of Finland by the House of Morgan through

the I. T. and T. provided one immediate stimulant—among many—to the prominent activity of Morgan representatives in "Finland Aid Committees" in 1939. This immediate interest ran alongside the wider policy of employing Mannerheim as the spearhead for war against the Land of Socialism.

Right now the American people are confronted with the united determination of the monopolists to employ this country's resources and human lives in the imperialist war, for at least three reasons helpful to the people. This trio of objectives, which spurs monopoly to whip-lash the people into the war, run as follows:

1. To extend their "investment" empires and to take physical possession of more colonies for raw materials and exploitation through their agent, the American imperialist government;

2. To coin immediate profits out of the carnage, thus providing additional "surplus capital" for further expansion into imperialist fields;

3. To depose the people further, laying the foundations for doing so by the imposition of an open fascist dictatorship as a more ruthless weapon than the present concealed "bourgeois democratic" dictatorship over the masses.

In the first imperialist war, the United States government, as the agent for its monopoly capitalist rulers, seized considerable sections of the Canadian and Latin-American markets, and made itself the leading financial power in the capitalist world.

Now it plans to take an aggressive part in that "revision of the world," which Lenin so conclusively showed in his "Imperialism: The Highest Stage of Capitalism" to be the constant objective of monopoly capitalism until the people end it for good.

As to the Sixty Families' profits out of imperialist war: The A. T. and T. performance in 1940 is but a sampling of a complete pattern for all the monopolies. The war economy has also brought, in 1940, \$102,182,000 net profits for Morgan-Mellon Bethlehem Steel Company, TWICE as much as in the previous year. So it goes through Rockefellers' Oil Empire, Mellon's Aluminum Trust and all "down the line." General Motors come through with the staggering figure of \$320,000,000 in 1940 profits.

The American people are confronted with the same orgy of war profiteering today as in 1917-1918.

This flood of profiteering itself is mounting up the torrent to wash away the living standards and civil rights of the people. To keep such profits at high tide, monopoly capitalism plans openly to scuttle all the gains of the workers. Dr. Benjamin M. Anderson, Jr., economic advisor for Rockefellers' Chase National Bank, has set down the modus operandi for this process in the leading article in the yearly Business Review of the New York Sun. (Jan. 4, 1941.)

The workers are to pay for the imperialist war through the imposition of still heavier taxes upon them, according to the Rockefellers chart drawn up by Dr. Anderson.

At the same time, the workers are to be deprived of the 40-hour week and of other labor safeguards. Such a chart fits in with the "sacrifice" demand made by the President, the "sacrifice" laid down for the unions by Secretary of War Henry Stimson at the New Orleans convention of the AFL, and the "sacrifice and suffering" proposed as the people's

concealed "bourgeois democratic" dictatorship over the masses.

To make certain that the workers will be effectively cowed or dealt with, an open dictatorship is proposed in the war powers "lease-lend bill," which is carrying forward of the military dictatorship

set up by the Morgan-Rockefeller monopolists, through Franklin D. Roosevelt, in the destroyer-bases deal with Britain. This act of empire was taken in defiance of the wishes of the people and through the contemptuous ignoring of the existence of the Congress. Hitler, the dictator-agent of Germany monopoly capitalism, could have carried through a like act in a no more ruthless manner.

DICTATORSHIP

That the capitalist state, even in the guise of a "democratic republic," is the dictatorship of the capitalist class over the masses of the people, has been well established in the experience of the American people. When the workers made their first militant bid for organization in the Sevantes they were crushed by the armed forces of the state. When industrial unionism made its first

effort to organize the working people effectively in the big industries in the Pullman strike, the soldiers of the national state and the injunction powers of the federal courts were alike employed to crush Debs and his fellow-unionists.

The "bill of particulars" in this respect could be lengthened page after page. There was a let-up to a degree, only when monopoly capitalism (in its desperation) carried through concessions—something similar in intent to those of Turgot and Necker to save the French feudal system from the French Revolution, and of Witte to save the Tsar with the calling of the duma.

In 1941 these concessions are cast aside, in the thirst for empire. And Franklin D. Roosevelt, who in 1933 stated explicitly that "the profits of the trusts" were the cause of the Great Depression, now apes Hoover in speeding up these profits and becomes the dictator-agent of these trusts.

Where do the people stand today, in relation to monopoly capitalism and its abuses—particularly the crime of this war?

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and the other war moves of the White House and Wall Street. It compels them to intensify the struggle for higher wage rates and better conditions on the one hand and directly against the war profiteering on the other.

Their battles on this immediate front will go all the more successfully if they grasp more vividly the words of Earl Browder on Jan. 13, that the way out of this war is through the revolution that will clear the way for "the construction of the new world, the world of socialism, of the common ownership of the country's economy and its operation by and for the masses of the people." (The emphasis is the writer's.)

In other words, the abuses of monopoly capitalism—including imperialist war—can be ended only through the ending of monopoly capitalism.

The American people have tried every other method of dealing with these abuses—and each and every one has failed. In 1890, the Sherman Anti-Trust Law was passed; eight years later, in 1908, the era of the great industrial trusts began, as John Moody has pointed out in his "Truth about the Trusts." This law, designed to curb the Morgans and Rockefellers, was twisted around by the Rockefellers and Morgans for the injury of labor, while the monopolists went on from one accumulation to another. The Anti-Trust Law is an ironical symbol of the inability to stop the ill fruits of monopoly capitalism without cutting it out by the roots.

In the creation of the United States Steel Corporation, the Standard Oil Company, the General Motors Corporation and the Aluminum Trust, the monopoly capitalists have got the industrial set-up of this nation in shape for a Socialist America. In the Soviet Union the great steel mills, electric power plants and automotive manufactures had to be built up after the Socialist Revolution.

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Thus, as O. Henry puts it roughly, "there's a rift in the loom" of monopoly capitalism. Our working people can take heart in considering the struggle for Socialism, from the recognition that the Morgan-Rockefeller Rulers of America in part prepare the mines for their own blow-up.

Negro Gets Run-Around From Housing Project

Tenants League, Negro Congress Join in Protest Against Discrimination by Philadelphia Authorities

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 13.—Leon Favors, a Negro worker with a family of seven, in the Spring of 1940 applied for an apartment in the new government housing project known as the Weldon Johnson Homes.

Favors was assured that if the Johnson homes were filled, he would be given an apartment in the newer project, the Tasker Homes.

Since then Favors has been stalled on his application and put off with a variety of excuses, and now is told he must wait for an apartment until still another project, the Poplar St. Homes, will be completed next Fall.

The Tenants League of Philadelphia, which describes the Favors case as "only one of many proving that a vicious, un-American policy of discrimination is being practiced against Negro tenants by the Philadelphia Housing Authority," is now conducting a campaign to end discrimination in federal housing projects.

The resolution was introduced in the legislature by Senator Joseph B. Perley immediately upon his return from a session of the Council of State Governments held recently in Washington.

Commenting on his resolution, Senator Perley freely admitted that it envisages \$1 a day wages. Remarking that he had conferred with Army leaders at the capital, he said: "That is just what they are talking about at Washington."

His resolution states that "we deplore the strikes and threats of strikes in all establishments making materials for national defense and for goods going to the aid of England, and that steps should be taken at once to put a stop to such conditions."

Labor conscription is called for in a clause demanding "that the national government take over all such industries and draft the people of this country to work in the same on the same basis as they are now drafting men for military training."

Vigorous condemnation of the Perley resolution was voiced this week in a letter sent to the Concord Monitor-Patriot by Elba Chase Nelson, state secretary of the Communist Party.



2 Die in Canadian Rail Wreck: The engineer and fireman of this Canadian National Railroad passenger train were killed and fifteen passengers were injured when it collided with a freight train east of Trenton, Ontario. The mail car is perched precariously atop the baggage car where they have toppled off the track.

'Liberty Ball' Set by A.L.P. Progressives

Notables to Be Present at Washington's Birth- day Celebration

The holding of a statewide Progressive Committee "Liberty Ball" was announced today by the Committee in celebration of Washington's Birthday on February 22nd. Over 4,000 persons are expected to attend from all over the city and upstairs at the Royal Windsor, 66th St. and Broadway, on that Saturday evening.

Among the guests attending will be Congressman Vito Marcantonio, Assemblyman J. Eugene Zimmer, State Senator Lt. Charles Muzzolini, Assemblyman H. O. Catena, and most of the city's outstanding progressive trade union leaders including Dr. Bella V. Dodd, Joseph Curran, Lewis Merrifield, Michael J. Quill, Joseph Dermody, Frederick Myers, Elmer Brown, Arthur Osman, Louis Weinstock, Ann Berenholz, John Stanley, Ferdinand Smith, Harry Marston.

The company signed the agreement after a strike of a little over two weeks. The employees of Devco Inc., one of Brooklyn's oldest paint manufacturers voted 9 to 4 in favor of the CIO at a National Labor Relations Board election.

Quill Scores Wire-Tapping Measure

Condemns Hobbs Bill As an Invasion of Bill of Rights

Emphatic opposition to the Hobbs wire-tapping bill, HR 2266, was expressed yesterday by Michael J. Quill, International President of the CIO Transport Workers Union, in a communication to Congressman John H. Tolson, Acting Chairman of the Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee now holding public hearings.

"Wire tapping, dictaphoning and other devices which subject citizens to hidden and secret surveillance upon their private lives, are in direct conflict with the Bill of Rights," the statement emphasized. "Such practices violate the sanctity of individual privacy and security as guaranteed by the Constitution."

Quill takes as his topic "Have the American People a Stake in this War?" Ford will deal especially with the Jim-crow and anti-Semitic features of the "defense program" in which the meaning of the Lease-Lend bill and its dangers to the people.

A question and answer period will follow his talk.

People's Stake in War Is Topic of Rally in Bronx Today

James W. Ford, member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, will address a Lincoln-Douglas Memorial meeting today at 8 P. M. in the Jane Addams High School, 161st St. and Timon Ave., the Bronx.

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New Book Arrivals

America Is Worth Saving \$2.39

Theodore Dreiser—Special

The Remarkable Andrew 2.50

Dalton Trumbo

Author of Johnny Got His Gun

This Is My Own 3.50

Rockwell Kent—An Autobiography

With Kent's own drawings

Robespierre—Korngold 3.75

A most thrilling account of France's great revolutionary leader

Soviet Power 35c

Dean of Canterbury 3 for \$1.00

They Want Another AEF-- Speak Out Against It

MOVING like clockwork, the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs has approved the war-power dictator bill, HR 1776.

Exactly like the House Committee, it refused to approve even the formal pledge that the Bill would prohibit another AEF expedition across the seas.

This is a confession that it is not for peace, not for "defense," but for world-wide conquest and aggression that the Administration wants this unprecedented measure rushed through.

Gag rule has been virtually established. Spokesmen for Labor and the people have been denied any opportunity to present their opposition.

Only war-mongers, false "opposition" speakers who oppose nothing

essential in the measure, or downright stooges, have been permitted to appear.

Your Congressman and Senators must hear from you. They are carefully watching to see what the people are saying.

The overwhelming majority of the country is opposed to war. But this majority must break through the gag rule; it must halt the steamroller of the war.

Get the name of your Congressman and your Senators (Senators James Mead and Robert F. Wagner in New York State), and wire or write at once. Let your trade union local or civic organization speak out. Say to Congress, get out and stay out of the criminal war!

Two Cases—Harry Bridges And W. J. Cameron

There has been no crasser example of class justice under capitalism than the contrasting cases of Harry Bridges and W. J. Cameron.

On Thursday Attorney General Jackson ordered new hearings to be opened all over again in the Bridges case. Here is clearly a case of ruthless persecution of a worker for his successful leadership in improving the standard of living of working people on the West Coast.

On the very same day, the House Immigration Committee unanimously voted to table a resolution by Representative Geyer for an investigation of the manner in which W. J. Cameron of the Ford Motor Co. obtained his citizenship. Despite circumstances warranting a thorough probe, the Cameron case was quietly buried.

In one case a militant worker is hounded despite previous investigations lasting many months. In the other, a fascist-minded anti-Semite and official of one of the most oppressive corporations in the country gets a clean bill of health on the say-so of some petty government official.

The labor movement will answer this cynical example of capitalist "justice" by rallying once again to the support of the West Coast labor leader.

The People Speak in Albany

Such broad unity as that shown by the unions—AFL and CIO—jointly with progressive organizations in Albany Wednesday, is the way to turn Gov. Lehman's war-economy budget into one for social needs.

On the same day in Albany, the statewide conference for social legislation struck a blow for democratic liberties by urging the defeat of the Dunnigan, Coughlin and Devaney bills, three measures aimed at labor and civil rights, behind a mask of attacking the Communists.

These actions go together. For in the fight to secure adequate school funds, and to defeat the proposed budget slashes in relief and other social welfare agencies, it is necessary to preserve the liberties of those organizations through which the people can conduct their struggles. Above all, that means protecting the unions, and people's organizations and their Communist vanguard.

Wednesday's demonstrations were only a beginning. They should be increased in every city and community with even greater participation and initiative by labor. It is only through such mass activities of the common people, independent of both major parties, that social measures and civil liberties can be preserved.

Blood Money At Bordighera

Mussolini called Franco to Bordighera, on the Italian Riviera, in order to exact blood money for the previous subjugation of the Spanish people.

There can be only one meaning to this meeting: Plans to extend the war in some form or another, with the Spanish people again the proposed victims of the imperialist quarrel.

Why is it that the fascist dictator of Italy can insist upon this blood payment from the fascist dictator of Spain? Because every step of the horrible path which led to the wiping out of the Spanish Republic was smoothed out for the fascists by the White House and Whitehall. It was they who throttled the Republic, by enforcing "non-intervention" and the arms embargo.

It was specifically Mr. Winston Churchill who was particularly active in this shameful performance and in laying the ground for the Casado-Bestreiro treason that finally destroyed the Republic.

With unmitigated gall, the British imperialists answered the Mussolini-Franco conference by stating yesterday that "the

Spanish republicans" would rise up and protect the Rock of Gibraltar for Britain. When the Spanish republicans fight again—as they surely will—they will fight against ALL imperialisms—each camp of which has betrayed them.

This Bordighera conference is part of the general pattern of the extension of the war, which the imperialist bandits are now working out. The British extend the orbit of war to Roumania. The Germans threaten new moves in the Balkans. Japan contemplates new adventures in the Pacific. American imperialism cheers on the bloody dance.

The peoples of all lands will learn—as the Spanish republicans know so well—that peace can be won only through the tossing over of the rulers who thus burn up the world for their game of empire.

In the Great Tradition

The Daily Worker extends its greetings to the New Masses on the occasion of that magazine's 30th Anniversary.

The Masses was started as a magazine of social protest. It made its mark however, in the struggle against the imperialist war of 1914-18, in the era when John Reed, one of its editors, reached the heights of his greatness. The names of Reed and the old Masses will be ever remembered for their anti-war fight at a time when the corruption of many leading intellectuals was being exposed.

Down through the post-war years, the Masses found new leaders who refused to get tired, cynical or corrupt. It was the devotion of these persons, remaining loyal to the working people, which guaranteed the unbroken continuity of the magazine in the tradition of the highest achievements of progressive American journalism and on a level with Garrison's Liberator of Abolitionist days.

The outbreak of the second world imperialist war has seen the corrupt individuals again turn to betrayal. But this time, they have found it much more difficult to mislead the intellectual and professional classes. This is due in large part to the unceasing work of the New Masses through the years.

We are sure that the readers of the Daily Worker join us in greeting the New Masses, that they will want to obtain the fine Anniversary edition of the magazine and participate in the Masses celebration on Sunday at the Manhattan Center.

Green Returns to The Attack

With the working people being pushed steadily toward the war and with their rights under severe attack, one of the main projects before the AFL Executive Council, according to the press, will be another attack upon the National Labor Relations Act.

By agreement between William Green and the Smith Committee of open-shop spokesmen, the amendments to the Labor Act were passed in the House at the last session. But pressure from the CIO and the AFL rank and file blocked them in the Senate. Now Green is preparing to introduce the amendments, in a slightly modified form, all over again.

With clauses on craft unionism and on prohibiting the Labor Board from nullifying contracts, these amendments are directed in the main at breaking up the great industrial unions built up by the CIO and at enabling certain AFL leaders to continue their practice of signing contracts over the heads of the workers.

Aimed at the CIO, they could just as easily be used in time by the open-shoppers against the unions of the Federation itself. Meanwhile, the Executive Council's amendment drive has already helped a war-minded Administration in creating a Labor Board majority hostile to labor.

The rank and file of the AFL have made themselves felt to a certain extent in blocking Green's amendments in the past. They should speak out still more vigorously now.

PRESENTING A BILL

--by Ellis



William Gallacher Brands Strachey's Distortions of Lenin

By William Gallacher
Communist Member of Parliament

(Special to the Daily Worker)

LONDON (By Mail).—One of the most popular music-hall gags these days is the speed with which the Italian tanks run in reverse. But whatever may be said about this, it is nothing to the speed with which a certain type of petty-bourgeois intellectual is beating a retreat from former revolutionary posturings. Such a one is Mr. John Strachey, who parades himself in the Tribune of Jan. 10 as an "informer" against the Communists.

He attacks the People's Convention and claims that this, in common with all former United Front action, is organized by the Communist Party and that all of those participating are quite well aware of this. Pritt, Squance, Adams and a host of others don't matter. They have no independent life or opinions. They simply follow behind the Communists. So says Mr. Strachey.

Is there any truth in this unproved assertion? Let's make a test. A few years ago there was a great Unity Campaign in this country. The Communist Party and the Daily Worker threw their whole forces into this campaign. Prominent in the leadership were Sir Stafford Cripps, Aneurin Bevan and George Strauss. Was that a Communist Party organized campaign in which Cripps, Bevan and Strauss were simply participating because they believed in and supported the Communist Party? Or was it a bona-fide political campaign, embracing large numbers of people outside the Communist Party, and in which the Communist Party loyally cooperated with all other participants? Let the Tribune answer, and then say why it publishes such pifler twaddle from a self-confessed political panicker.

DISTORTS LENIN

But this is a trifle compared to his attempt to distort the teachings of Lenin. He says: "The policy of the Communist Party is anti-war or revolutionary defeatist" and designed "to interfere with a complete victory over fascism." He then quotes Lenin as his authority for this amazing statement, conveniently forgetting that Lenin formulated this policy before the last war. It was designed to secure the defeat of the imperialists and to ensure victory for the people. But the so-called Socialists of this country and of Germany were too busy serving the interests of their own bourgeoisie to concern themselves with the welfare of the people. With callous disregard they turned their backs on their own declarations and deliberately betrayed the working class and the cause of Socialism. Here are the appropriate passages from the Basle resolution which was supported by the British Labor Party:

"If a war threatens to break out, it is the duty of the working classes and their parliamentary representatives in the countries involved, supported by the coordinating activity of the International Socialist Bureau, to exert every effort in order to prevent the outbreak of war by the means they consider most effective, which naturally vary according to the sharpening of the class struggle and the sharpening of the political situation."

"In case war should break out anyway, it is their duty to intervene in favor of its speedy termination and with all their powers to utilize the economic and political crisis created by the war to arouse the people and thereby to hasten the downfall of capitalist class rule. . . . Proclaim your will in every form and in all places; raise your protest in the parliaments with all your force; unite in great mass demonstrations; use every means that the organization and the strength of the proletarian place at your disposal!"

"To the capitalist world of exploitation and mass murder, oppose in this way the proletarian world of peace and brotherhood of peoples."

This makes the task of the revolutionaries quite clear. But when the leaders of the Second International deserted into the camp of the bourgeoisie, Lenin took a clear firm stand. The class war does not stop when a war starts. As a matter of fact, war inevitably accentuates the class war. At the present time the ruling class are ferociously prosecuting the class war. On every side the workers are being attacked—purchase tax, income tax on wages, and the steady encroachment on all democratic rights. Special attacks are being made on the shop stewards, who strive to defend the standards and working conditions in the factories. Yes sir, the class war goes on, and those who are for the people will resolutely campaign to defeat the Government of the ruling class and replace it with a Government of the people; will resolutely campaign for an end of the war and for a people's peace. That is the aim of the People's Convention.

DOOMS IMPERIALISM

But Strachey quotes Lenin where the latter says that revolutionaries must not be deterred by the "possibility" that their own country may be defeated. Well, what's the alternative to that? To betray the people and line up with the bourgeoisie for a victory for imperialism? That's anything but a "complete victory over fascism." This is a capitulation to the forces of fascism. And does such a course obviate the "possibility" of defeat of one's own country? Strachey refers to France. All right, take France. Blum and the Socialists lined up with the bourgeoisie of France and spent themselves in "exposures" of and vile slanders about the Communists. But did this save their country from defeat? Far from it.

The Socialists of France are guilty with their own corrupt bourgeoisie for the fact that the French people are under the crude, brutal, domination of the Nazi imperialists.

The Socialists of Britain and Mr. Strachey are also guilty in that they are supporting their own corrupt bourgeoisie in placing the British people under the crude, brutal, domination of the Dollar imperialists of America.

That's not the way to secure "a complete victory over fascism." The way of Leninism is the sure and certain way to end imperialism and to wipe fascism for ever from the face of the earth.

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CONSTANT READER

Lancy Lou and Sister Sue Gaze
In Crystal Ball for Krivitsky Clue

By SENDER GARLIN

IN THE Soviet film classic, "The Man With the Gun" there is a scene showing a group of monarchist ladies and gentlemen sitting before a ouija board. They are invoking "the spirit of Napoleon I" and asking plaintively, "Please tell us, dear Emperor, how long will the Bolsheviks hold power?"

This striking scene came back to mind as we read a quaint item in the morning newspapers describing a seance in the apartment of Suzanne LaFollette in the Hotel Chelsea in New York. Miss LaFollette was a fervent admirer of the late "General Krivitsky" and she invited, apparently, that no one who had the pleasure of knowing her could possibly want to end his life. To her apartment she had invited a number of others who invoked the spirit of Napoleon I for documentary evidence to prove that her pal had really been foully murdered. Among the guests present at this unique gathering were Mr. Louis Waldman and a number of the general's friends and associates." We assume that Benjamin Stolberg, Eugene Lyons and Isaac Don Levine were also there. Mr. William Randolph Hearst was not listed among the guests, although his spirit was undoubtedly all-pervasive.

The papers reported that the conclusions of this self-appointed coroner's jury were "speculative," which means that they were still loth to give up their campaign to make Krivitsky's suicide into a frame-up murder case. With eyes closed, their fingers on the ouija board, the guests discussed the suicide notes found in the Washington hotel room where their friend took his life. They reported "discrepancies in the forms of certain letters," but in order to keep the issue fresh in the minds of newspaper readers, Mr. Waldman said he intended to submit the photocopies to professional handwriting experts today. Professional handwriting experts engaged by the Washington police department have already declared the handwriting the same as Krivitsky's signature on the hotel register, but Mr. Waldman is apparently looking for a handwriting expert who is also a leading member of his Social-Democratic League, and who has the full confidence of the Hearst publications, the Dies Committee, and carries a character recommendation from J. B. Matthews.

Mr. Waldman and his clique have had no difficulty getting their stuff across in the papers. The Press has been most generous in printing their oral statements and publicity releases as hot front-page news. In fact, a PM staff writer on the scene in Washington quotes a local reporter on the case to this effect: "My paper ran amuck on the story in the first place. That guy Waldman (Krivitsky's lawyer, who cried 'Murder!' the moment he heard the news and tried to devil the FBI into the investigation) sure led the whole American press by the nose. Squeezed plenty of publicity out of it, too, boy. We've been had."

Being led by the nose in this affair was a pleasure for the Press.

Mr. Ralph Ingersoll published what was virtually a "Krivitsky Edition" of PM yesterday, in which he ridiculed the rest of the press for seeking to make a murder case of Krivitsky's established suicide. The collapse of the fabricated "murder" theory prompted Ingersoll to rise out of the rubble like a hero of "liberalism." At the same time he strives to excuse the Press for making a martyr of the adventurer, Krivitsky, by saying, in his best crackerbox "personal" style, that the American people "do not ask to know what a man believes in so long as he assures them that he hates the same thing they hate."

Mr. Ingersoll refers, of course, to the inspired anti-Soviet campaign in the Press, to which, incidentally, his own paper contributes. Hence the pious pose he affects on the manner in which the rest of the Press handled the Krivitsky case is far from convincing.

Most rabid—and crudest—in the attempt to concoct a "murder" frame-up was, of course, the Hearst press, which has never officially recognized the Soviet Union. The Journal and American, for example, front-paged in letters the size of box-car type, the "startling" revelation that Dobert, Krivitsky's ex-Storm Trooper friend, "thought" Krivitsky had bought a .32 caliber gun. (Krivitsky shot himself with a .38.)

Reluctantly, however, the Journal and American is later editions compromised on "mental murder" when their new-found "evidence" evaporated into thin air. Not to be outdone by its friendly contemporary, the Daily Mirror disinterred Alexander Kerensky, who said of course the Washington coroner didn't know what he was talking about. And really, what does a medical coroner know about "politics"?

The Washington authorities considered the Krivitsky case closed almost immediately after the body of the suicide was found. But Louis Waldman and his Social-Democratic (Trotskyite) clique would have none of it.

"Frankly," Inspector Thompson told capital reporters, "we were all set to close the case until this man (Waldman) came down from New York."

So, although the matter is closed, it is still open "just in case" Mr. Waldman lays another egg.

In its late Monday and early Tuesday editions the New York Post raved like the rest of the journalistic pack. But on Wednesday it found it necessary to pull in its horns a bit. KRIVITSKY'S DEATH PROVED A SUICIDE BY FRIENDS' STORY was the Post page-one headline on Wednesday.

But in the body of the story considerable space was still given to statements by the "murder" fraternity. Mr. Waldman produced an alleged letter purportedly written by a certain Paul Wohl warning Krivitsky that his life was in "danger," but the same Wohl declared that "he (Krivitsky) couldn't stand to live without being important and had to end his life."

Yesterday even the Journal and American found it necessary to publish the statement of Detective Inspector Ernest W. Thompson, who said, "Now, as before, we are convinced that Krivitsky killed himself."

But the same edition of the Hearst sheet featured a syndicated article by Paul Mallon containing the most venomous and irresponsible incitements against the Soviet Union, with which presumably the U.S. has friendly diplomatic relations.

Pity the poor capitalist Press! It wanted a political "murder story" in the worst way, but no soap.

Our advice is to keep Mr. Kerensky's name and address on file. The old gent, whose friends were manipulating that ouija board in Petrograd back in 1917, still has his credentials as head of the Provisional Government wrapped up in mothballs. And he's always there as a hostile witness against the folks back home who had told him his services were no longer required.

Valentine for 1941

According to some Holy Writ
Propounded by a Saint named Valentine,
It is perfectly legitimate
To entwine your heart this day with mine.

One day is set aside for passion
In this screwy capitalist world,
But in a terribly methodical fashion
Hearts are everlasting hurled
To the cloying lips of death
And the crushing arms of war,
And I fear that my true loves
May not return when cannons roar.

And so every day please set aside
A portion of your heart and pride,
And work untiringly for Peace—
We may not love till warfare cease.

T.N.M.

The First 30 Years

New Masses Fete At Manhattan Center Sunday

By Sylvia Taylor

In 1911, William Howard Taft was President of the United States, Woodrow Wilson was governor of New Jersey, and the papers were full of trouble in the Balkans and the Near East. In the month of February of that year, a group of honest men got together and decided that what the country needed was a magazine that would fight the growing imperialistic plans of the monopolies. The first headquarters chosen was a store, located at 122 E. 22nd St. The store front bore the sign "Masses Publishing Company." An additional sign in the window advertised the fact that radical literature could be bought there. The masthead stated that it was "a monthly magazine devoted to the interests of the working people." Its opening editorial pledged itself to fight monopoly and "oppose imperialism whenever it crops up."

Noted

Artists

Art Young, already one of the established cartoonists of his time announced that he would come over from "Punch" and "Life" to escape the stifling air of the commercial publications. Others fled to the support of this antiaugustine anti-war journal. They included Randolph Bourne, and John Reed, Robert Minor, H. Glintenkamp, A. Walkowitz, Hugo Gellert, Edmund Stevens, Theodore Dreiser, Sherwood Anderson, and many others.

Actually, during the years leading up to the first world war the magazine incurred the wrath of the powers that rule. In 1912, with the first score of war over the Balkan powder keg, The Masses exposed the forces in operation. Equally, was the true nature of Teddy Roosevelt's "Big Stick" revealed.

Then when the war finally broke on the insulated world, the magazine had solidly established its position as the champion of the working class and the enemy of the war makers. By 1916, it was writing too much defiance, too strong on the truth for the censor of our own native jingo party. The editors appealed in issue after issue for increased circulation to meet the threat it confronted. It. When the social democrats, true to humanism were over to the war-minded imperialists, the authorities forced the magazine to close down, using the Espionage Act as the pretext.

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For stating these simple truths,

Youth and Laughter Win Praise for Kirkland Comedy

OUT OF THE FRYING PAN, a new comedy by Horatio Greenway. Staged by Alexander Kirkland. Presented by William Sherry and Mr. Kirkland at the Windsor Theatre.

By Ralph Warren

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The story is not the new, but that doesn't matter. Three young stage-struck girls and three young stage-struck boys who meet in that drug store—now on strike—on the corner of 44th and Broadway, meet Arthur Kenny, the producer, living in a brownstone house in the Flatiron. They rent a floor above his apartment and begin to rehearse his hit murder mystery in the hope of snaring him some distant day and convincing him that they can act. In the course of the play they succeed. And that's all there is to it.

But "Out of the Frying Pan" has much more substance than that. It is a fair and realistic picture of life among the younger stage-struck generation of today, with astute touches adding color to the scene. The dialogue is sprightly, the farcical scenes are done ingeniously and unpretentiously. And in general the playwright's plots come off with explosions of laughter. Most of the weird act is concerned with the vain attempts of the youngsters to produce their homespun version of the Broadway hit. You wouldn't believe most of what happens on stage if you heard about it. When you see it, however, you'll find it makes for enjoyable entertainment because it has been so well done.

Some of the success of "Out of the Frying Pan" is due to Mr. Kirkland's direction. The play makes acute a bit of frolic out of the Stanislavsky technique, but it seems to have been directed in time on

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The Pinch Hitter

- Connie Picks the 'Cry Babies'
- Bunny and His Halo

By Bill Newton

One of the more revealing admissions to come from a club owner was made the other day by the veteran Connie Mack of the Athletics.

The Philadelphia's story was that the Indians would win the pennant.

We can picture a shocked reporter out in California, where Connie has his squad in training, squelching:

"What, Mr. Mack? The cry-babies?"

And Connie shaking his head sadly as he thought of such feeble little cry-babies as Bob Feller, Hal Trotter, Ken Keltner and Lou Boudreau.

"Hep—the cry-babies. Or should I say the 'salt of the earth,' as Bob Feller termed his mates?" Call 'em what you will, the Indians DO appear great pennant material. And you don't notice many baseball writers, come to think of it, calling the Indians "cry-babies" these days. The players have had a good laugh. Oscar Vitto is gone, the "loners" Johnny Allen and Deacon Jones are on other clubs, and many an expert foresees the Indians finishing in front after many false promises.

Connie Should Know

Mack's choice of Cleveland is more than just the selection of a veteran baseball man. The elongated Mr. McGillicuddy foresaw the fall of the Yankees to third place last season. That was some pickin' in the face of universal predictions of prosperity for the New Yorkers, and you consequently have to give his statements special significance this spring. That's easy, inasmuch as he picked the Indians. Many a fan, and half-breed, would like to see "Peck's Bad Boys" justify their protests against Vitto by giving Cleveland its first pennant in more than 20 years.

And they're just the team to do that little thing. Nobody is laughing off that great infield, promising outfield, good catching corps, and pitching staff headed by Mr. Feller. That is, nobody is who is ANYBODY among the "experts" is laughing any more—despite the fact that everybody who was ANYBODY has tossed stones at the players when they first came out against Vitto. As usual, the everybody who is anybody are leaving the hard way.

The Noble Bumby Davis

One of the things that has most impressed me lately is that halo around the noble brow of Mr. Al (Bumby) Davis.

Disqualified from the New York ring because he belabored Eddie Zaire with foul blows too numerous to count, Bumby after some urging decided to show that his heart was in the right spot by joining the army.

Not content with that, he is moving mountains to arrange another bout with Mr. Zaire, not for filthy profits, but for the cause of embezzled G-men.

This sudden outburst of humanitarianism on Bumby's part has not gone unnoticed among the sporting fraternity. Some writers have enthusiastically welcomed Bumby's conversion to western civilization, although none has adequately explained how this Grade A miracle (no judge from their comments at the time Bumby went to work on Zaire) took place.

The answer is that underneath it all Bumby is the worrying type. He lay awake so much at night thinking about the Greeks that he put on 20 pounds, shooting up to a bluberry 175. That is touching, and so Bumby is determined to do his part for a suffering world by battling for Greece. And please understand, Messrs. Boxing Commissioners: Bumby's manager insists that you do not re-instate him as a result of his shining example of patriotism.

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GDODGES DAILY WORKERS SPORTS

NEW YORK, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1941

Giants Open Camp Today In Miami

Another Season Starts With Many Players Still Unsigned

All was quiet on the New York holdout front yesterday, with most of the big local diamond officials either heading south or there already. First to open the 1941 guessing season locally are the Giants, whose early squad begins training in Miami today, with such stars as Mel Ott, Frank Demaree, and Hank Danning still unsigned.

Only the Giant batters are in Miami. The main squad will report Feb. 20, by which time the pitchers will be ready to unleash a little fast stuff.

Hot on the heels of the Terriers, the Dodgers open camp tomorrow in Cuba. Leo Durocher will get his batters off to an early start, for the Brooklyn training grind is a long one, and Durocher wants his charges to be as far along in conditioning as possible when the Dodgers start their most promising bid for the National League title in many years.

While the local clubs get set for another season—ignoring as much as they can their many holdouts and unsigned players—one of the angles on this training season is that the owners may "gang up" on Judge Landis for a repeat of his decision against the optioning of players three times without first obtaining waivers from the other clubs.

Most of the magnates will be South, or out West, during the limbering-up season, and it's said that a sudden "blitzkrieg" of committees from both leagues may descend on Landis during his stay in California and attempt to get the rule changed to benefit the owners.

The major objection to the decree voiced by magnates is that it will aid the weaker clubs by giving them the opportunity to obtain many expensive rookies at the waiver price. Such rookies ordinarily would have been optioned. Landis' decree, helping the players and the smaller clubs, has particularly incensed the big operators of "chains": the Cardinals, Reds, Yankees, Dodgers, etc. It affects them in their pocketbook.

Will-Leonis MacMitchell don the mile crown vacated by the retirement of Don Cunningham? The Violet speedster raced through his third straight mile victory at the

Yankee office said yesterday, however, that a telephone call to Kimbrough elicited the information that the giant fullback was heading nothing about the order, and that it was too early to tell what effects it may have on his football career.

Big John probably will be in New York tomorrow. He was an ROTC student in Texas A. and M.

While Jarrin' John Kimbrough, Texas A. and M.'s All-American fullback, was reputedly on his way yesterday to New York to sign a \$37,500 contract with the grid Yankees, he was informed that he must enter the army, according to a United Press dispatch.

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